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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: BOX MISSING PARTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(f),
which was mailed by the Office on November 13, 2001, enclosed are:

- (X) An executed Declaration by Inventors.
- (X) A Power of Attorney Form and Copy of Assignment.
- (X) A Notice to File Missing Parts.
- (X) 21 Substitute Drawings.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.
- (X) Fees as calculated below:

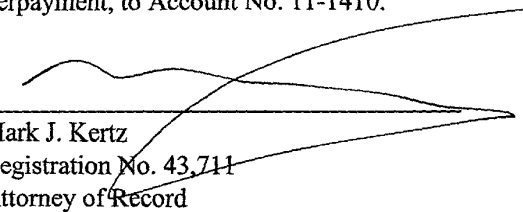
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FILING FEE		\$ 848
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (LARGE ENTITY)	months	\$
SURCHARGE 37 CFR 1.16(e)		\$ + 130
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS		\$
REDUCTION BY 1/2 FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY.		
Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28. If applicable, verified statement must be attached. \$ -		
TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HERewith		\$ 978

- (X) A check in the amount of \$978 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$108.
 - \$108 for 6 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 978.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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